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Tribal member among lecturers in leadership seminars

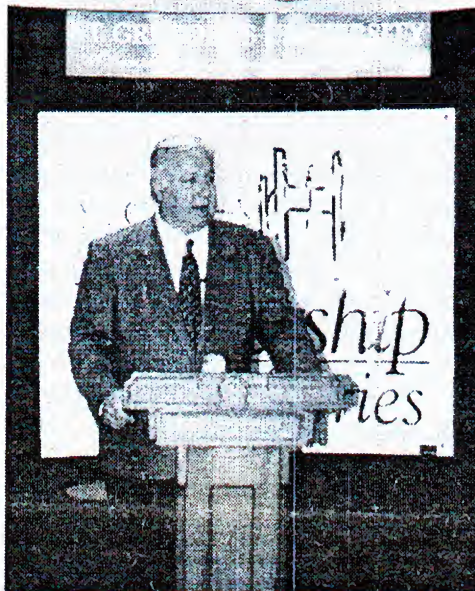
By Michael Dodson

In a seminar-type class that will continue through the remainder of the Spring 1999 semester, some 35 St. Gregory's University juniors and seniors are receiving an inside look at developing leadership skills from some of Oklahoma's foremost leaders.

At *HowNiKan* press time, guest lecturers have included: Jim Halsey of Tulsa, one of country music's top artist managers (and husband of Citizen Potawatomi artist Minisa Crumbo Halsey); Cathy Keating, Oklahoma's First Lady; John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman and member of the St. Gregory's Board of Directors; Tom Kelley, engineering firm owner and Chairman of the St. Gregory's governing board; and, Wayne Von Feldt, a top Oklahoma investment advisor.

Frank Keating, Oklahoma Governor, is among the lecturers scheduled to talk to the students later in the semester.

Halsey, who describes himself as "an



Chairman Barrett Addresses Leadership Seminar Students

impresario," hit the opening note on a theme that has carried through several of the KGFF Radio News interviews of the

guest lecturers. He said that he did not find success managing county music acts until after he had realized he would fail as a performer.

This happened for Halsey between high school and college, after he had seen Duke Ellington's and Woody Herman's bands perform. "I realized, after seeing the caliber and quality of musicians in those bands, that there was no way I was ever going to become a success (as a musician)," Halsey said.

"My failure to become a player turned me into an impresario," Halsey believes.

First Lady Keating said that the Keatings' lives took a major turn for the better after Frank Keating lost a close 1982 race for an Oklahoma congressional seat. The pair went to Washington, D.C., despite the loss. There, Frank Keating held several progressively more important positions in the Reagan Administration.

Cathy Keating said that the Keatings' Washington experience set the stage for their move back to Oklahoma and Frank Keating's successful gubernatorial cam-

paign in 1994 and re-election in 1998.

On the theme of building success from failure, Chairman Barrett said, "As (country singer) Dolly Parton said, 'You can't see a rainbow without having a little rain.' Most progress is three steps forward and two steps back, ending up being one step forward."

Barrett said that he believes perseverance, more than anything else, is what creates success. "You just have to keep trying. If you fall down, get up! Keep a steady pressure. That's what leads to success."

Barrett's advice to the students is to realize that encouraging people to do their best is a major component of leadership. "If I do nothing else in speaking to these young people, if I can encourage them to take action, even if they make a mistake, my talk here has been successful," Barrett said.

Kelley says that he is one of very few people who have graduated from two Potawatomi schools - the erstwhile St.

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Candidate filing March 29-31 for annual tribal election

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee has finalized details for the Nation's 1999 election. The election will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, during the General Council and Pow Wow.

Tribal members who will not be able to attend those events can request an absentee ballot by writing to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873. An official Request for Absentee Ballot will be printed in the

March and April editions of the *HowNiKan*.

Items on the 1999 ballot are: Business Committee Position #2, the three Grievance Committee positions, and the budget. Hilton Melot is the incumbent in the Business Committee position. The incumbent Grievance Committee members are Jo Ann Johnson, Paul Schmidtkoffer, and Teresa Vieux.

The filing period for these offices will be Monday, March 29, through Wednesday, March

31. An Election Committee member will be in the Long Room, at the former tribal headquarters building at 1901 South Gordon Cooper in Shawnee, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day of the filing period.

The filing fee for both the Business Committee position and the Grievance Committee positions is \$150. It must be paid in the form of a cashier's check, made payable to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The filing fee is returned if the

candidate withdraws or is declared ineligible.

To seek any elective office within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a person must be: at least 21 years old; a tribal member; and, a resident of Pottawatomie, Seminole, Pontotoc, McClain, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Cleveland, or Okfuskee county in Oklahoma.

Three conditions disqualify otherwise eligible candidates: having been convicted of a felony; having been found civilly or criminally liable for a

breach of fiduciary duty to the tribe; or, having been impeached or recalled by the tribe.

In addition, Business Committee candidates must state that they will submit a completed personal information form to the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency, as required under the Standard Change of Control application for national banks. If the candidate is elected to the Business Committee, that form must be submitted to the Comptroller no later than seven days after the election is held.

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on

George Ralph Green

George Ralph Green died January 23, 1999, in Dallas, Texas, of complications following heart surgery.

Ralph was born in Maysville, Oklahoma, on November 15, 1924. He was preceded in death by his wife of forty years, Virginia Davis Green of Austin, Texas; his parents, Alma Burt and Ella Mae Green; his brothers, Arthur L. Green and Billy W. Green; sisters, Neta Patterson and Betty Saunders, all of Davis, Oklahoma; and Virginia McNeill of Seiling, Oklahoma.

He is survived by sisters Shirley Farr and husband Joe of Dallas, Texas, and Helen Jones and husband Buddy, of Davis, Oklahoma; aunt, Georgia Cooper of Shawnee, Oklahoma; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ralph's early years were spent in Davis, Oklahoma where he attended school. He resided in Austin, Texas the majority of his adult life but had lived in the Queen City, Texas area since 1992. Ralph served in the U.S. Marines and U.S. Air Force and was discharged from Bergstrom AFB in Austin, Texas in 1951. He was employed as Director of the Department of Social Services Employees Federal Credit Union for the State of Texas many years and retired in 1981.

He was a gentle and kind man known

for his generosity and quiet ways. His strength and loyalty will be missed by his many friends and relatives. The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and other medical personnel for their untiring care and concern.

Mary Elma (Rhodd) Pinckard

Mary Elma (Rhodd) Pinckard, 88 years wise, walked on January 16, 1999. She was born March 5, 1910, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to William Battice and Anna Barbara Rhodd. She married Roswell Leon Pinckard in August of 1936.

She is survived by her children Loretta Knickers, Mona Tittle, Richard Pinckard, and Joyce Russell; 12 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. Afternoon prayer service was held Wednesday, January 20, 1999, at Burns Riverside Chapel, Florence, Oregon. Private internment was held January 21, 1999. Her remains are buried at Pacific Sunset Cemetery, Florence, Oregon.

Mary was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and attended the Oregon regional meetings since moving to Oregon in 1994. One of Mary's happiest moments was winning a shawl for being "the Wisest" at one of the meetings. She was very proud of her Potawatomi heritage, which she passes down to her surviving bloodline.

Myrtle Rachel Keese Close

Myrtle Rachel Keese Close, 87, Lexington, died Feb. 10, 1999, at a Norman, OK, hospital.

She was born March 25, 1911, in Wanette, the third of 11 children born to Fredrick Charles Lamirand and Sophia Irene Rayfield Lamirand. She married Oatie Gardener Keese April 10, 1926, in Wanette. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1952. She had lived in Lexington since 1975. She was a member of Eastside Church of Christ in Lexington.

Preceding her in death were her husbands; her parents; three brothers,

David, Elmore and Freddie Lamirand, and two sons, Oatie Gardener Keese, Jr. and Kenneth Keese. Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Coy and Allena Keese, Alfred and Gayle Keese all of Wanette; daughter and son-in-law Katherine and John Curry, Oklahoma City; 12 grandchildren and their spouses, Ray and Kathy Keese, Jean and Dale Buckles, Eddie and Becky Keese, Gail and Donnie Bussell, Shirrel and Jim Turnpaugh, Troy and Jennifer Keese, Lisa and Brent Hillard, Don and Rita Keese, Sherrie and Mark Foreman, Linda and Johnnie Jones, Deborah and Gary Adams, Joseph and Andrea Curry; 26 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Loy and Ann Lamirand, Wanette; sisters and brothers-in-law, Irene and John Vanschuyver, Evelyn Miller, Serena Lamirand, Mae and Bob Combs, Jean and Hubert Hightower, Linda Dike, Oklahoma City, and many other relatives.

From Our Mailbox

Information sought on white buffalo

To Whom It May Concern:

Some time ago on the TV show "Unsolved Mysteries" the story of the "White Buffalo Legend" was shown. I'd like to know more about this legend and wonder if any tribal members have further information to share about it?

Sincerely,

Judy L. Magruder
518 Island View Circle
Port Hueneme, CA. 93041

(What I know goes as follows:) The White Buffalo Legend — Approximately 600 years ago, two Cheyenne scouts came upon a white buffalo calf. While they were in awe of this lovely creature, it was transformed into a beautiful Indian Princess, who spoke to them and told them of man-made devastation, fires, floods and vast destruction in the years to come. Then, another white buffalo would be born...it would change color four times; from white to tan to brown to red; and then within five years time, the world would find peace, love and tranquility. This is also a prophecy of many tribes including the Dakotas. A white buffalo calf was born in Jameville, Wyoming in 1994. When

the word got out, Indians from all parts of the world came to pray. They had as many as 2300 people per day visit the farm.

Where are those language tapes?

Editor, HowNiKan:

Because I am always trying to pick up a few words of the Potawatomi Language, I have been glad to see the lessons published by the Language and Culture Department. I also read all of the Regional Representative columns, not just my own Northern California Region.

I am especially pleased if the Representative uses some Potawatomi (Potawatomi language) — with subtitles, of course. I keep asking the Language and Cultural department for audiotapes to go with the lessons, but they never materialize. I am told that "soon" we will have some official tapes and lessons, but how soon is soon? I have asked this for a couple of years now.

Living away from the area, I certainly miss the Feasts and activities that you locals enjoy with the tribe.

Bama mine' (At the June PowWow)
Jack Wooldridge
Santa Cruz, CA

Thank you letter

Dear Mr. Barrett,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done for my husband. It was greatly appreciated. And to thank you for the check. I could really use it. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Vee E. DeGraff

Another thank you

To: Mary Farrell and the Scholarship Committee:

Once again you have blessed my life for yet another semester. A million thank yous would never suffice to express my gratitude for your constant support and assistance. I only wish I could individually pay my indebted thanks to each person who has generously contributed to the tribal scholarship fund. They are the angels who have given so many like myself the opportunity to succeed. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Blue

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Scholarships awarded to tribal members for spring semester

The following tribal members received the Potawatomi Tribal Scholarship for the spring semester of 1999:

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Leslie R. Knight
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Magan D. O'Connor
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Northeastern State University
Pasadena City College
Mesa Community College
University of Oklahoma
Eastern Oklahoma State College
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College
University of Central Oklahoma
Metropolitan State College of Denver
Lane Community College
Wichita State University
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Eastern Oklahoma State College
Seminole State College
Seminole State College
Seminole State College
University of Oklahoma
Seminole State College
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
El Centro College
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Southwest Missouri State University
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
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Montana State University
University of Kansas
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Remember the deadlines for the Potawatomi Tribal Scholarship Applications are June 1, 1999 for Summer; August 15, 1999 for Fall; and December 15, 1999 for Spring.

Nadeau-Neddeau-Tescier reunion set June 26

The Nadeau, Neddeau, and Tescier families and their descendants *Family Reunion* will be held on Saturday, June 26, 1999. Our list of names has grown – Fairchild, Hollingsworth, Miller, Schmidlkofer, Toupan, and many, including some I am not aware of, I'm sure.

There will be a potluck dinner at 12:00 Noon in the old Title VI Nutrition Room, located on Hardesty Road. That's the same building in which we held the Reunion in 1998.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rita (Nadeau) Oravetz, 814 E. Franklin, Shawnee, OK 74801 – Telephone 405-275-1906. We certainly look forward to seeing everyone who can possibly make it. The more we have, the better time we will have.

Aunt Nila is looking forward to seeing everyone again this year. Let's not disappoint Auntie!

TRIBAL TRACTS



Champion Cheerleader

Alice Warrenburg, a Tecumseh (Oklahoma) High School cheerleader, and her parents, James and Gwen Warrenburg, have expressed their heartfelt thanks to three Citizen Potawatomi Nation entities. The Nation's Child Care Center, Tribal Store, and FireLake Golf Course provided donations that helped make it possible for Alice to attend a recent cheerleading competition in San Antonio, Texas. "This is more evidence of the Nation's concern for children and what they can learn, not only in the classroom but also from extra-curricular activities," said Gwen Warrenburg. Ms. Warrenburg works in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Child Care Center. The Tecumseh high cheerleaders earned a third place trophy, competing with ten other cheerleading squads in San Antonio.

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Music is more than therapy for handicapped tribal member

(From *The Dayton Daily News*, July 25, 1998) — Don't give up. That's the key."

Denny McCarty speaks with knowledge. He's blind. He has prostheses instead of eyes. His eyes were blown away in a dynamite accident when he was 22. He is now 50.

One arm is a stump, as the hand was blown away in the same accident. The other arm was blown off, but it was reattached, and two and a half years later he got it working again.

Even in the worst of times, Denny never gave up. In 1987, he got his GED. He tried getting a job, but there were not many people hiring a person in such condition. At the time, he told his wife, Kaye, "I have always dreamed of going to college and now I'm going." He went to Sinclair Community College and went on to Wright State University, where he made the dean's list and had a 4.0 average.

He and Kaye had two sons, Jeff and Craig, now grown. They had a nice home in Upper Riverdale, but then Kaye died. "Died in my arms," Denny said. But once again, he didn't give up. Alone now in his house, he has a way of getting around. "I don't know how to be blind. I see through sound." He has a radio in every room, including a 1939 console in his living room. "It has taken me many years, but I can see without sight."

Without losing a step, he can go through the rooms of the main floor and down the steps into the basement, where he has his music room. He has played

the guitar since he was 14. After his accident, he developed a prosthetic extension for his arm that utilizes a child's claw hooked to a leather sleeve. Using a head strap, he also started playing the harmonica. He can sing. He's a one-man band. Now he is learning to play the drums. He has also learned to use a computer. "God gave music to me," he said. "It is my therapy, my nerve medicine."

He entertains in rehabilitation centers and senior centers. He also does some clubs, especially Samuel Johnson's Coffee House. At present there is more urgency to Denny's performances. Last fall he qualified to perform in an event called the World Championship of Performing Arts in Los Angeles, in October 20-24, 1998. As one of the performers representing Ohio, he had to raise funds to pay for transportation and lodging there. Sitting in a swing on his front porch, his Gibson guitar strapped on, he played an uptempo original piece and moved on to a John Denver classic, *Country Road*.

A slight breeze moved the wind chimes on his porch, giving background to the song. He smiled, and you could almost see his thin body relax to the music. Finished, he said in farewell, "Don't give up. Look what I've come through. I have knowledge of death and dying and disability. Too many kids give up, but I want to inspire people. Never give up."

(Editor's Note: Denny is the grandson of Lewis Melott and a descendent of Catherine Melott. He may be contacted at 1-937-278-0088.)

Deputy tribal administrator wins term on vo-tech board

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has a deep interest in quality education for tribal members and employees and the public, evidence of which is demonstrated in any number of ways. One manner it is displayed is through tribal officials' participation in education efforts.

This includes the tribe's deputy administrator's serving on the Board of Education for Gordon Cooper Technology Center, the vocational-technical school in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Bob Trousdale, who is a tribal member and a GCTC board incumbent, has won a three-year term on the Gordon Cooper Technology Center board.

In the vo-tech board voting on Tuesday, February 9, Trousdale defeated rival Robert A. Washington 1,850 to 635 in Pottawatomie County balloting. In Pottawatomie County, Trousdale earned 74.45 percent of the votes; Washington had 25.55 percent.

Trousdale's combined 11-county vo-tech district total was 3,487, or 71.51 percent. Washington had 1,389 for 28.49 percent.

In Lincoln County, Trousdale polled 820 votes to

361 for Washington; Seminole County gave Trousdale 712 and Washington 346.

Washington is vocational rehabilitation director for the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, which is headquartered in Perkins. Both men live in Tecumseh.

Gordon Cooper Technology Center provides training for high school students and adults from more than 20 school districts in 11 counties.



TRIBAL TRACTS

Young tribal member earns summer study at Oxford

By Michael Dodson

Jessica Lantagne can't wait for the summer of her young lifetime in June and July. Lantagne is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a tribal government employee, and a junior at the University of Oklahoma.

Lantagne's academic achievements and desire for knowledge and adventure have helped her earn her way into the University's "Honors at Oxford" Program.

According to Dr. Melanie Wright, the program's director, "Honors at Oxford" offers students the opportunity to experience the tutorial system available at England's Oxford College.

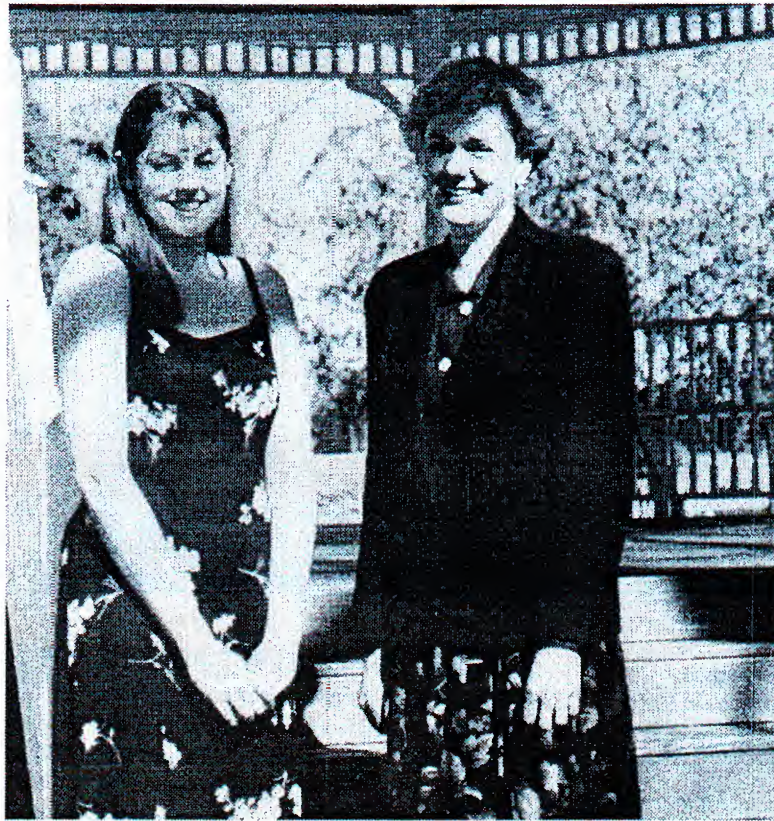
In the tutorial, students meet with a professor in groups of three. Each week, they consider a different student's paper. Addressing students, the Oxford handbook describes this process: "This is basically a discussion over your topic for that week, often sparked off by an essay written by you."

The handbook describes an exciting opportunity for students who are seeking new academic challenges. "Considering the fact that your tutor may be one of the country's leading lights in his or her field, it is amazing how much can be gained from this type of conversation, if you go about it in the right way." (emphasis added)

The Honors College at OU is an opportunity for academically gifted students to study in smaller groups and deal directly with professors, rather than graduate assistants.

"They must accept a challenge that they might not have in larger, more anonymous classes of 300 to 500 students," Dr. Wright told the *HowNiKan*. "As a teacher of honors courses, (I've learned that) the class size is the crucial factor. I've discovered that I can do a lot more inventive things in a small class. There is much more participation, interaction."

Dr. Wright believes that honors courses present a challenge to the professor, as well as to the students. "The challenge is also to the profes-



Jessica Lantagne (L) And Dr. Melanie Wright Anticipate Summer In England

sor, to re-think how to teach the class."

Is the material in an honors course more difficult than in a normal offering of the same course? "That will vary," Dr. Wright answered. "what I see more and more is professors' saying they expect more classroom participation. They go into more depth."

Lantagne said she sought out the 'Honors at Oxford' challenge because "there were no reasons not to. I've never been overseas. It's an excellent opportunity for me to go (experience another culture)."

According to Lantagne, "The Oxford experience will fit well into my major. It will help me a lot, broaden my horizons."

Lantagne is eager to experience the interaction with the professors at Oxford. "I'm really looking forward to getting there, doing research, and working with the professors," she said.

"At the University of Oklahoma, you don't get to interact with professors as much, especially in my sociology classes, which are so big. At Oxford, what I'm most looking forward to is working with the professor."

time and the opportunity to explore England, Scotland, and the nearby European continent.

"A major appeal of this trip is being able to explore England and visit the continent," Lantagne said. "I love to travel. I have traveled in the U.S. quite extensively."

Lantagne expects to return to Oklahoma with an expanded view of the world and other cultures. "With any type of travel, you bring back a different feel for cultures and people. I just hope to get a different view of the world and see other types of people and how they interact and how their societies work."

The 1999 OU "Honors at Oxford" program begins on the Norman campus, from May 31 through June 25. Classes meet for two hours each weekday morning.

The Oxford portion of the course begins on July 4 and continues through July 24. In England, students will be housed and will take their meals at Brasenose College, which was founded in 1509. (That name is likely derived from the term 'brass nose', for the knocker which hangs in the residence hall.)

Distinguished members of Brasenose College include: Robert Burton (1577-1640),

author of *The Anatomy of Melancholy*; Richard Mather (1596-1669), grandfather of colonial American preacher Cotton Mather; and, William Golding (1911-1993), author of *Lord of the Flies*.

This experience is not an inexpensive undertaking for Lantagne. Her tribal government is helping make it possible. "The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been great. They will pay my tuition. They will pay my air fare to England and back. They have helped tremendously," she said.

Lantagne is also a Citizen Potawatomi Nation employee, working in the Oil & Gas Lease Division of the Nation's BIA programs. "I set up leases on Indian lands. I will be taking over some of the duties for farming and grazing leases, going onto allotments to check the land."

This opportunity has helped Lantagne mature. "It's prepared me; it has allowed me to interact with people and learn how to make business decisions, to develop a business attitude."

Lantagne is sociology major, with a minor in criminology. While she has not decided what her career path will be, she is leaning toward something in law enforcement.

His ambition is play by play

Former Carl Albert State College student and grandson of Woman of the Year Ruth Wilson, Kyle Hey has chosen a career in sports, but not the career that most would expect.

Hey (pronounced HIGH) decided about a year ago to drop his original major, music, and pursue a career in journalism/broadcasting. Hey was the public address announcer for the CASC Vikings, and was easily persuaded to try play-by-play. He found that he enjoys it, and changed his major. He then decided that since his time was up at CASC that he should go to a college with a good broadcasting program.

Hey chose the University of Central Oklahoma's broadcasting department is among the top three percent in the nation. Hey works at the college radio station and is currently a member of the Oklahoma Broadcasting Education Association. He also works with the PA announcer at the UCO Bronchos games.

"I get tips, and ask how things



work," explains Hey. "I like to better myself, and there is always room for improvement." Hey spent most of his vacation from school at Carl Albert Announcing the 7th and 8th grade tournament, and was the announcer at their homecoming Jan. 16. He said it wasn't like working, and it was really good practice for him. He also works with the college television station and said that he would consider a job announcing any sport, even curling. He admits that football is the hardest he has tried so far though.

Hey's ultimate goal is to do play-by-play for a professional team on television or radio.

Potawatomi Profile

Pilot flies friendly skies with Potawatomi pride

By Michael Dodson

The 727 jetliner banks and approaches Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport for another smooth landing. From the cockpit, there is a cherry greeting, "Welcome to Oklahoma, home of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

That's the tip-off that Woodrow R. "Woody" Carter is at the controls. Carter is a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member and part of one of the Nation's more prominent families. His grandfather was Woody Crumbo, the Nation's most renowned artist. His mother is Minisa Crumbo Halsey, a fine artist in her own right and the wife of country music manager/impresario Jim Halsey. (Look for a profile of Minisa Crumbo in the March edition of the *HowNiKan*.)

It is not a bit unusual that Carter developed a taste for flying. "I grew up with aviation all around me," he told the *HowNiKan*. "My dad is a pilot, too. I've always loved aviation, all the way out to space."

When, as a high school student, Carter was learning to fly, his father had the opportunity to meet technicians who were preparing the space shuttle. "They were doing initial flight-testing and preparing the software and hardware that would be used in the shuttle," Carter said.

Fred Hays, an Apollo 13 astronaut who was working on the shuttle, attended Carter's 16th birthday party. "I was, at one point, considering a career at NASA," Carter said. "But, I've ended up in commercial aviation, flying for United. It's a great life and I'm really happy doing what I'm doing right now."

For Carter, still in his mid-thirties, the dream of space travel, at least on a sub-orbital basis, is not dead. "Who knows?," he speculates. "Maybe, with the direction that aviation is going, there could be a low orbit or sub-orbital vehicle that could be used for transportation at some point – maybe before I retire."

Carter's father, who was an Army flight instructor before becoming an airline pilot, was more than an influence. The elder Carter had his instructor's rating renewed, to teach Woody.

"He and I worked together real well, had a good relationship; we had fun," Carter explained. "He taught me all the way up through my commercial and instrument ratings."

Earning his wings at such an early age took sacrifices. While other teens were doing the normal things that young people enjoy, Woody Carter was attending night school to learn the academic side of flying; he flew on weekends and after school.

However, "it didn't seem to be a



Carter In The Cockpit

burden because I was enjoying it," Carter said. "Anything about aviation I just soaked it up. It's something that I've always loved."

Already having qualified for a private pilot's license as a high schooler, Carter earned a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Science, and a flight instructor's certificate, at Emory Riddle College. Immediately after college, he entered dues-paying years as a flight instructor. "Pay is not quite what you would get at McDonald's," is the way Carter describes the early part of his career.

Carter loves flying the 727, which he calls "a fantastic airplane." The 727 prototype was rolled out ten days before Carter was born and is still in use. "They were built for pilots. (They have) no computers, which is enjoyable because I like to fly the airplane."

Carter lives in Prescott, Arizona, about 100 miles north of Phoenix, and flies out of Denver, Colorado Regional Airport. "I stay basically in the continental U.S., with occasional flights into Canada," Carter said. He flies into cities all over the U.S.A. – New York City; Orlando, Florida; Eugene, Oregon; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; San Francisco; and Seattle, to name but a few.

It's typical for Carter to take a three- or four-day trip. Each day will feature from one to five or six legs, such as a Denver-to-Minneapolis flight, depending on how busy the airline is that day.

After Carter has flown for three or four days, he returns home for two to four days. He says that the time away from family is tough. "That's the hardest part of the job," he said.

To deal with the separations, Carter calls home every night when he is on the road. "We don't worry about the expense because it's our only way to stay in contact at those times," he said.

The other side of that coin is that Carter has more time to spend with his family when he is home – and he makes the most of that opportunity. "When I'm home, I'm home. I don't have to wait for those two or three vacation weeks each year, once a year, to spend quality time with my family," he explained.

Woody enjoys golf but sacrifices that to spend the time with Joan, Woody Jr., and Michelle that makes the Carters a tight, loving family. "We do things together," he said. "Whatever we do, we try to work it into something that we can all do together and enjoy."

One activity Carter and his son enjoy together is pow wow dancing. "I was taught to dance by my grandfather, Woody Crumbo."

Carter had danced as a young man. But, a couple of years ago, he realized that it had been many years since he had danced and that his son had reached the age at which his grandfather had taught him. "It made me realize that," Carter told the *HowNiKan*, "if I don't pass on the knowledge of who we are and where we come from, it will be dead to my children."

Drawing on knowledge from other Native Americans and from books, Carter made his regalia, began dancing again, and taught his son. A breastplate Carter made for Woody Jr.

earned him a second place in the art contest at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Regional Council Meeting in Phoenix on February 6.

Michelle is also participating. Her grandmother Minisa Crumbo donated a buckskin dress and Michelle has joined her brother for lessons in the family living room. Grandmother has also joined in to teach Michelle.

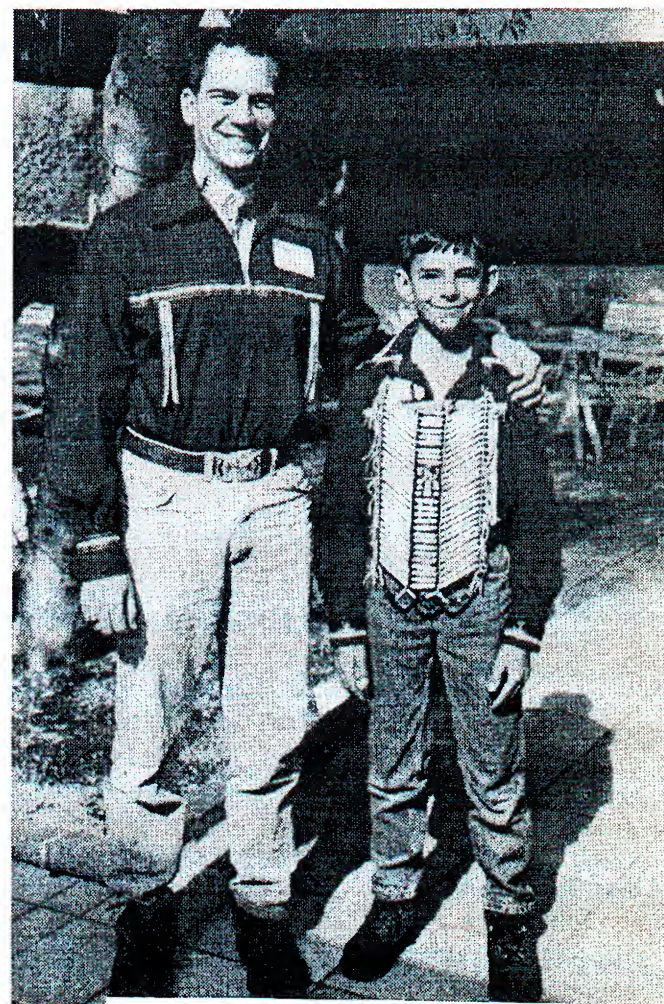
"We're doing the pow wows again. We're having a great time doing it. It's just really enjoyable," Carter enthuses.

Carter and his children are also doing their best to learn the Potawatomi language. He has obtained tapes and books and is working with Woody Jr. and Michelle – learning alongside them.

Asked to provide advice for achieving a meaningful, enjoyable life, Carter said, "I can't overemphasize the necessity of having your priorities straight. And, that Number One Priority that will cause everything else to fall into line is having your spiritual house in order."

He said that there is nothing like having a relationship with God for a foundation on which to establish one's life. "That's been the foundation of my life. At 18, I gave my life to Jesus Christ and, at that point, God began to do something in me that was impossible for me to do myself."

Woody and wife Joan have been married for 15 years. Their oldest child, Woody Jr., is nine years old. Daughter



Father And Son In Dance Regalia
Michelle is eight years old.

CPN Child Care Delivers Valentines, Visits With Shawnee Firefighters



Shovel Mitchell And Christopher Meeks Get Up-Close Peek At
A Shiny Red Fire Engine



Christopher Meeks Learns What It's Like To Be
'Turned Out' To Fight A Fire



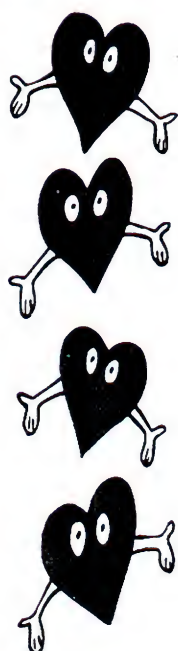
From Left:
Stacey Mann,
Austin Peltier
And Shovel
Mitchell
Learn To Not
Be Afraid Of
A Suited
Firefighter



The Shawnee Firefighters Had The Youngsters' Undivided
Attention As They Delivered A Fire Prevention Message



Three-Year-Old Class Members Pose For The
HowNiKan Photographer — Well, Sort Of ...



Valentine's Day Was A Great Opportunity For The Children And
Elders To Spend Quality Time Together

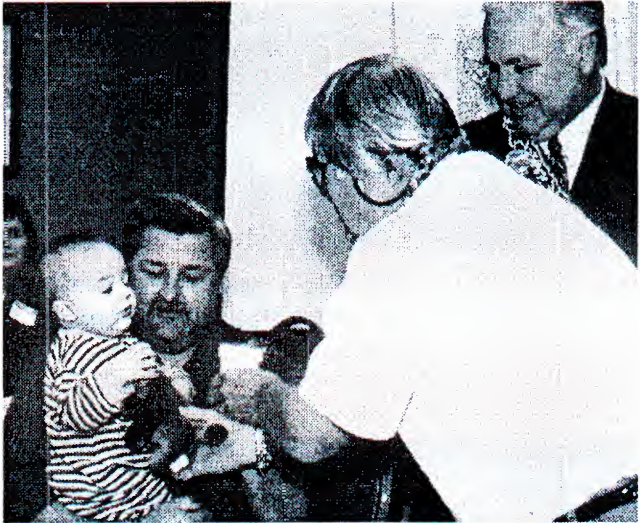
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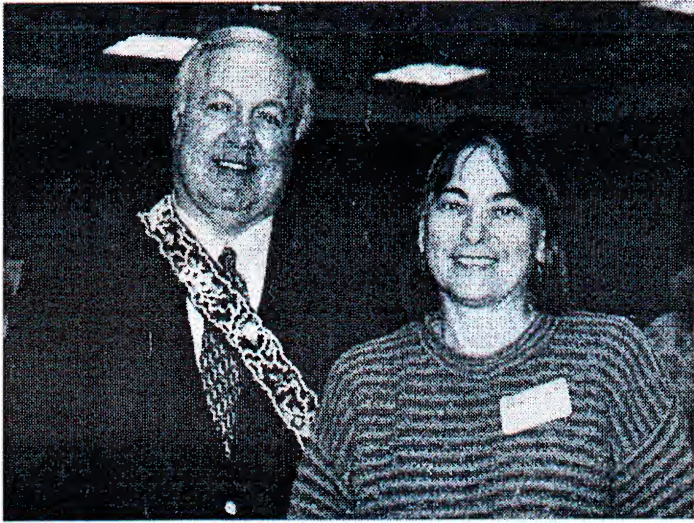
Left: Chairman Rocky Barrett presents an award of appreciation for years of dedicated service to Southwest regional Representative Philonise Williams. Her grandson Trevor Yanke looks on.



Above: Dorothy Hicks of Sun City, AZ recently learned of her Citizen Potawatomi heritage. She and her granddaughter enjoyed the regional meeting tremendously.



Business Committee member Hilton Melot and Chairman Barrett presented gifts to Jacob Latilla, the youngest Potawatomi present.



Chairman Barrett and Sharon Sutherland, who traveled the farthest to attend the meeting, pose for the *HowNiKan* camera. Sharon traveled from Idaho.



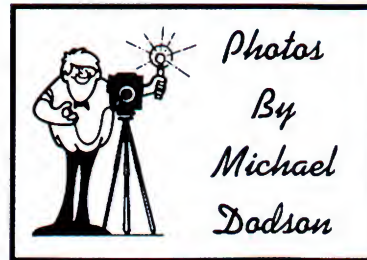
Steve Bison (Cherokee) of Phoenix, AZ entertained with his stories and flute playing.



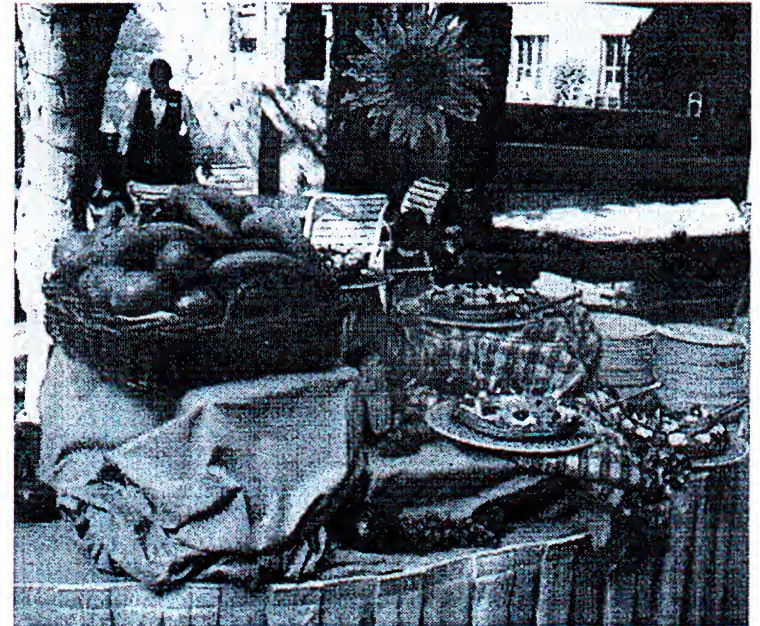
Left: Potawatomi children try their hand at painting. Right: It was a touching moment as Potawatomi children gathered during the meeting to dance.



REGIONAL COUNCIL



Left: Gary Russ (Hidatsa/Mandan) of North Dakota is part of the group that drummed and sang at the Regional Meeting. Right: An attractive array of food greeted tribal members.

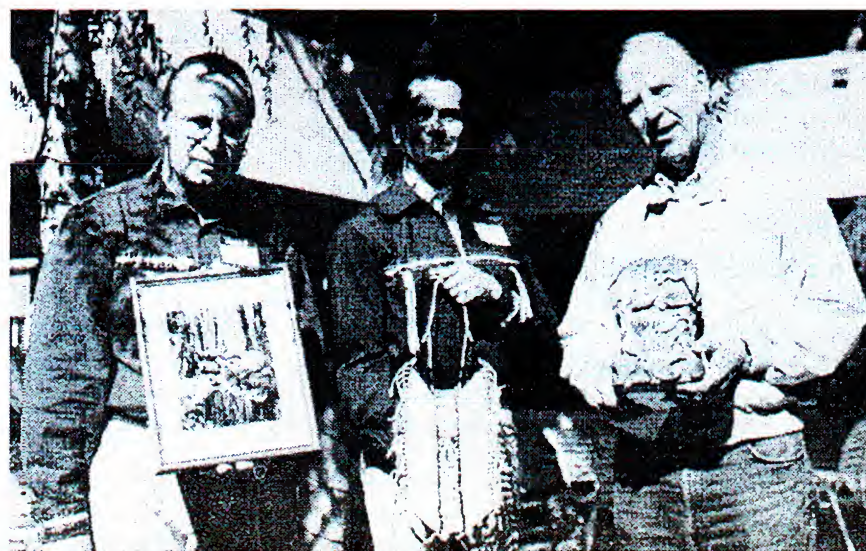
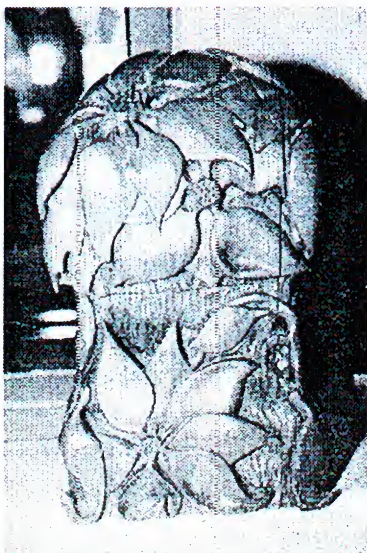


Left: Tribal member Eugenia Lambert admires Bob Whistler's skillfully carved cane. Mr. Whistler was the Wisest Potawatomi at the Southwest Regional Meeting.

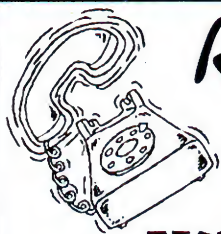
Right: Vickie Canfield, CPN Administrative Services Director, combined assisting at the Regional Meeting with a visit with her parents, Howard and Doris Reynolds, of Apache Junction, AZ



This beautifully carved, poinsettia-themed item earned Bob Goyer first prize in the Southwest Region Art Competition.



(From left), David Whittall earned third prize in the art competition in Phoenix. Woody Carter was second. And, Bob Goyer's first place earned him entry in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation-wide art competition at the Pow Wow and General Council Meeting on June 26.



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REGIONAL REPORTS

Northern California

Ahau, Niconi,

We've made the turn toward Spring and, even though we still have some winter weather coming, the air and light during the day seem different. Some of the folks I know are even getting into the spring-cleaning mode, going through closets and drawers, thinking about painting their kitchens, and so on. It feels good.

There have been a couple of calls regarding low-income housing available in our area. While the tribe doesn't have a program that offers help outside of Oklahoma, there are still other avenues to pursue. The HUD (Housing and Urban Development) office in Sacramento is the place to call for leads in this search. Also, I've been told that, sometimes, if you put the word out at the

Indian Health Clinics in your area, the local folks can contact you with what might be available. If anyone has more information to share regarding assistance, please let me know and I'll pass it along.

Now, here are some dates for upcoming pow wows. Remember to always call ahead, if possible.

MARCH

13 — Indian Education Pow Wow—Homestead High School, 408-522-2238

20 — IHC Basketball Benefit, Indian Market & Pow Wow, San Jose Civic Center, 408-445-3400

27 — 9th Annual Stanislaus Pow Wow, 209-667-3598

APRIL

17 — Annual Mills College Pow Wow 510-430-2341 or

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31-5/2 — 19th Annual De Anza College Pow Wow 408-864-8355, x868 or 871

If any of you have access to information on other pow wows coming up, please let me know so that I can include them in my listing here as well. I post all of Northern California and Northern Nevada pow wows that I hear about and leave the southern part of those states to our Regional Director for that area, Jeremy Finch.

Our regional meeting will have taken place by the time you receive this, so I'll let you know what a good time we had in my next report. I'm sending you good thoughts and wishing you all well.

Bama pi,

— Jennifer J. Porter

Northern Texas

When everyone started talking about the turn of the century I thought, "Am I going to have to listen to this all year?" However, before we know it, the year 2000 will be here.

There was an article in the December How Ni Kan with the title "Whereabouts unknown" and it had my father and two uncles listed. It seems that the date of death was unknown; these people were all given the same date and that does not work with computers (and that's another story). I will get what information is available to me and send it in and you should check and see if any of your relatives are listed and see if you can help them out in Shawnee.

My Microsoft Word program was locked up and my printer driver was out of commission so the article I sent in via e-mail did not make it into January's paper last month. Winter arrived in January and we were all grateful after the really long summer and fall we had.

Winter was brief and we were soon back up to the 70s and 80s. Now it is cool again, but the groundhog did not see his shadow and we are due an early spring. It will be interest-

ing to see what happens with the plants when spring does arrive since the plants got confused and went dormant during the heat and dryness and then bloomed when it cooled off and rained.

I read about Echo Tescier's being named the recipient of the Oklahoma Indian Higher Education Scholarship Administrators Association's annual

scholarship. Echo is a former Northern Texas tribal member who went back to college in Oklahoma. Congratulation, Echo, for being recognized for all your hard work.

I always enjoy hearing from you, so give me a call if I can be of help.

— Marj Hobdy



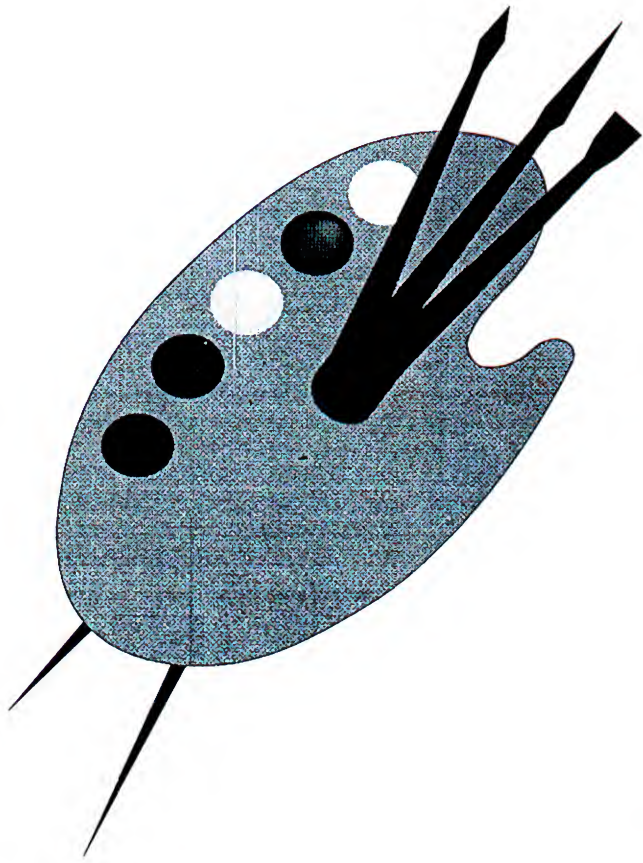
1998-99 Regional Council Schedule

Denver	Oct. 1, 1998
Dallas	Nov. 7, 1998
Southern California	Jan. 16, 1999
Phoenix	Feb. 6, 1999
Northern California	March 6, 1999
Houston	March 20, 1999
Seattle/Portland	April 24, 1999
Kansas City	May 15, 1999

Grand Prize Art Competition 1998-1999

Grand Prize Art Competition
Prizes are as follows:

\$300 First Prize
\$200 Second Prize



**** Only winners of the Multi-Regional Art Competitions are eligible to enter the Grand Prize Art Competition.**

- Entries must have been completed within two years of the Grand Prize Art Competition and must be the work of the artist, without assistance.
- Artwork must reach the Tribal Headquarters in Shawnee, no later than Wednesday, June 2, 1999, to be eligible for the Grand Prize Art Competition.
- A \$5 entry fee must accompany each entry.
- Entries will be judged on the basis of 35mm slides in standard mounts (no glass mounts will be accepted). The slides should be labeled with the artists name, title of work, date of completion, media and dimensions (HxWxD). Please indicate "top front" on the slide mount. If you wish to have the slide returned, the slide must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Do not send the actual piece of artwork.
- Only one prize will be paid to each contestant. A contestant that wins more than one prize will be awarded the higher of the prizes.
- Artists will be notified by mail as soon as the competition judging is completed.
- The first place winner of the Grand Prize Art Competition will be brought to Shawnee for the 1999

Media Include:

- painting
- sculpture
- prints
- pottery
- fabric art
- photography
- beadwork
- jewelry
- miscellaneous

For more information contact:
Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Art Competition
1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
ATTN: Norman Kiker

Lawson is Elder of the Month

By Dennette Brand

Agnes Lawson has earned recognition as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Title VI Program's Elder of the Month for February 1999. The Title VI program's purpose is to assist in meeting the nutritional and socialization needs of Indian Elders.

Mrs. Lawson is a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member; she is a descendant of the Trousdale family. One of four children, she was born February 17, 1911. As children, she and her three brothers helped their father in the family's grocery store.

She married Earl Lawson, who is now deceased, and is the mother of two children, Gilbert C. Lawson, deceased, and Joyce E. Schroeder. Mrs. Lawson and husband Earl moved to Shawnee in 1980.

Mrs. Lawson said that she spent more time with her 11 grandchildren when she was able to get around better. Her granddaughter, Shelly Schneider, is Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation WIC program. This enables her to see Shelly more often.

A retired Postmaster, Agnes worked in the Trousdale Post Office until it closed. Then, she worked at the Wanette Post Office until she retired. Mrs. Lawson worked for the Post Office for 26 years. During that period, she and Earl also raised cattle on their farm.



The Title VI program allows Mrs. Lawson to "eat good food and participate in the entertainment (dominoes, bingo, and painting)." Her hobbies are arts and crafts and painting (oil and watercolors). She also enjoys participating in the fund-raising activities that the Title VI program sponsors. These fund-raisers make field trips possible for the program's participants.

If you would like more information about the Title VI program, please contact Denise Lackey at (405) 275-3121.

Melot reviews Nation's growing scholarship program

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has made tremendous strides in providing financial support for tribal members who continue their education past high school. The progress reflects tribal leaders' and members' strong belief in improving the lot of individual members and the tribe as a whole through continued learning, which fuels career advancement.

Hilton Melot, CPN Business Committeeman and tribal Scholarship Committee Chairman, told tribal members gathered for a recent regional meeting that, in 1996, the Nation awarded 73 scholarships with a value of \$17,358 (see list of spring scholarship recipients on page 3).

In just one year, the value of the scholarships more than doubled while the number of tribal members receiving education assistance increased 78%. "In 1997, we awarded 130 scholarships, worth \$35,875," Melot reported.

That tremendous growth continued in 1998. The Nation awarded 187 scholarships, an increase of another 44%. Those scholarships were valued at \$58,632. That was a 63% increase from 1997. It is a 238% increase from just two years previous.

But that was not all in 1998. The Nation awarded \$250 housing allowances to 124 students - a total of another \$31,000. That brings the Nation's financial aid total in 1998 to \$89,632.

"The Nation provides scholarships for both college or university and vocational-technical school study, Melot explained. "We have also begun the Adult Continuing Education (ACE) Program in conjunction with St. Gregory's University."

ACE allows tribal members and employees, particularly those who have earned a significant number of college credit hours, to earn college credit for their life experiences. ACE classes meet once each week at the Potawatomi Nation headquarters.

The Potawatomi tribal member scholarship is now worth \$1,500 per semester. Just three years back, it was worth only approximately \$500 per semester.

"We've come a long, long way," Committeeman Melot said in concluding his remarks at the Southern California Regional Meeting.

Tribal store installs new credit card gasoline pumps

Potawatomi Tribal Store customers will notice a change. It incorporates the leading edge convenience store technology. And, it will mean more convenience for both customers and cashiers.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has invested in new gasoline pumps for the store, located at the corner of South Gordon Cooper Drive and Hardesty Road in South Shawnee.

The Potawatomi Tribal Store is now one of just two or three retail gasoline outlets in the Shawnee area that allow fuel purchases without the customer's going inside the store.

"It's done on a credit card system," said Terry O'Rorke, store manager. "People who have a Conoco, Visa, Mastercard, or any of many other major credit cards or debit cards can use this new convenience."

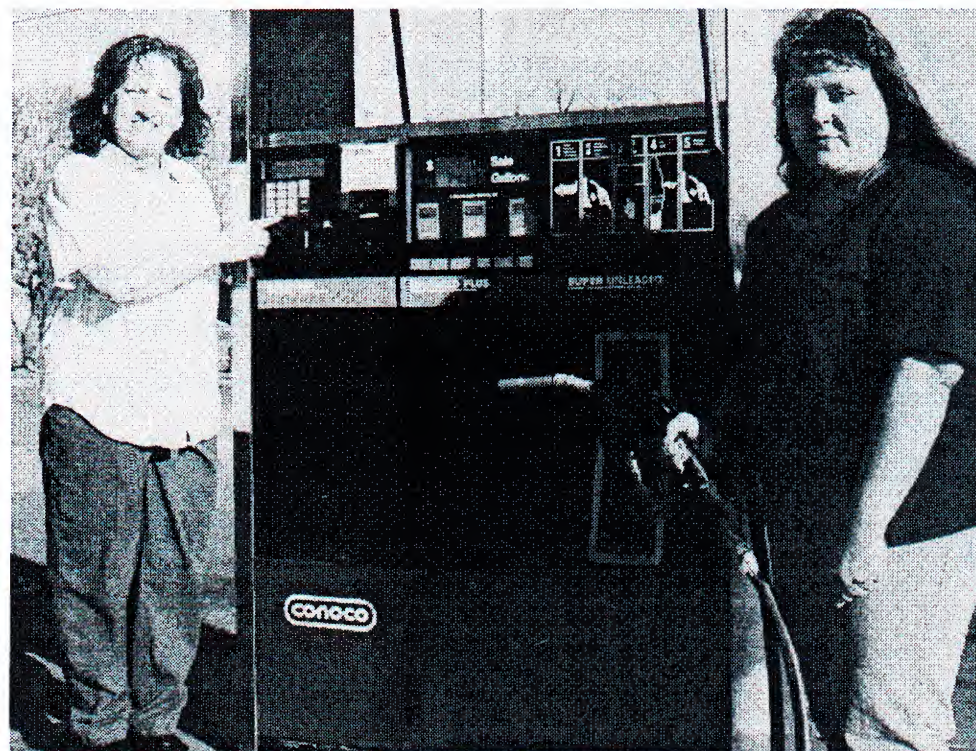
O'Rorke told the *HowNiKan* that using the new system really is as easy as 1..2..3. The first step is to insert the card into a card reader built into the upper left corner of the main pump body. Second, push one button to select a gasoline grade. Finally, pick up the nozzle, insert it into the vehicle's gasoline fill area, and begin pumping.

The pump will print a receipt for the customer's records. This allows a customer to purchase gasoline without going into the store, if that's what he wants to do.

"The great thing about it," O'Rorke said, "is that we can sell gasoline 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week, even though the store is not open and staffed around the clock."

He pointed out that, for example, FireLake Entertainment Center customers who are leaving there after the Tribal Store closes will be able to stop at the store to purchase gasoline.

O'Rorke said that tribal leaders had some concerns that allowing customers



Above: Sharon Collin(L) And Diana Dotson (R), Tribal Store Employees, Pose With New Pump. Right: Close-Up Of New Pump



to purchase gasoline without going into the store might cost the store some sales of other items. His research indicated that the loss of sales would be negligible.

"Studies show that that does not happen frequently enough to be a

concern. The customer who wants other items will go on into the store, even though he has already paid for his gasoline at the pump," O'Rorke said.

Tribal leaders believe this will lighten the load for cashiers at what is a very busy convenience store. And, in allow-

ing gasoline-only customers to avoid going into the store, the wait at the cash register should be shortened for other customers.

The new pumps have yet another valuable feature. A small screen near the credit/debit card reader scrolls messages. O'Rorke said that the Tribal Store will use that as a marketing tool. It will be used to advertise in-store specials and other promotions that will persuade gasoline customers to go into the store for other purchases.

O'Rorke is even considering using the message screen to advertise other tribally owned businesses. "The manager of KGFF Radio has inquired about our putting messages about the tribally-owned station on the screen. We will be able to do that for other Potawatomi enterprises, too."

O'Rorke believes that customers will read the screens as they pump gasoline. "Usually, while you're pumping, you're looking at cars pass or the nearby scenery. What customers will now do is read the monitor to see what's on sale, see what the message says."

Although these gasoline pumps are still relatively scarce, O'Rorke believes they are the future of gasoline retailing. "It has become a trend that's going to happen everywhere. In Oklahoma City and elsewhere, a few gasoline stations never have a cashier on duty. All the fuel is sold via credit or debit cards from these computer-controlled pumps."

The new pumps go hand-in-glove with the aboveground fuel storage tank system that the tribal store debuted in March 1998. "When we installed the new tank system, we doubled the horsepower of the fuel pump motors. This has tremendously increased the flow rate, making filling a car's tank here much quicker," O'Rorke explained.

From Our Mailbox

Being Potawatomi is more than a card; it's feeling Nishnabe. The more I learn of our heritage, the more proud I am of being Potawatomi.

Many people think of Potawatomi as Cmokman (white). Our Nishnabe (Indian) brothers aren't necessarily thinking color of skin as much as our lack of knowing our ways. But that is changing. We are learning with the Seasonal Feasts, Gatherings, language classes, our Pow Wow, etc. We are starting to learn the ways of our ancestry.

It is good we can incorporate these ways to today's way of life. All we have to do is remember the basics. The Potawatomi are a spiritual people with ceremonies to be taken very seriously. I can't explain the honor of being a part of the Tribal Feasts we celebrate each season. Just to know we have a PIPE CARRIER who has been taught the old ways and given his pipe the Nishnabe way tells of our willingness to take our ceremonies seriously. Just think — a Citizen Potawatomi Nation Pipe Carrier. Awesome, huh?

If you haven't been to one of the Seasonal Tribal Feasts, they are a time of learning, reflection and prayer the Nishnabe way. No animosity or ill feelings should enter the circle. And what would a Feast be without food? This last Seasonal Feast tested us with all the rain — buckets of rain — but like the Potawatomi, the fire endured.

At this time it would be appropriate to give a heartfelt thanks to all who cared so much to give their time, hard work and love for the Potawatomi. You have my respect.

Iwgien,

Marie Tredway

Spring Ceremonies April 29 & 30/May 1 & 2

At sunrise on Thursday, April 29, 1999, Spring Ceremonies will begin. On Sunday, May 2, ceremonies will end after the noon Ceremonial Feast.

Ceremonies - April 29 - Sunrise - Noon - Sunset

Ceremonies - April 30 - Sunrise - Noon - Sunset

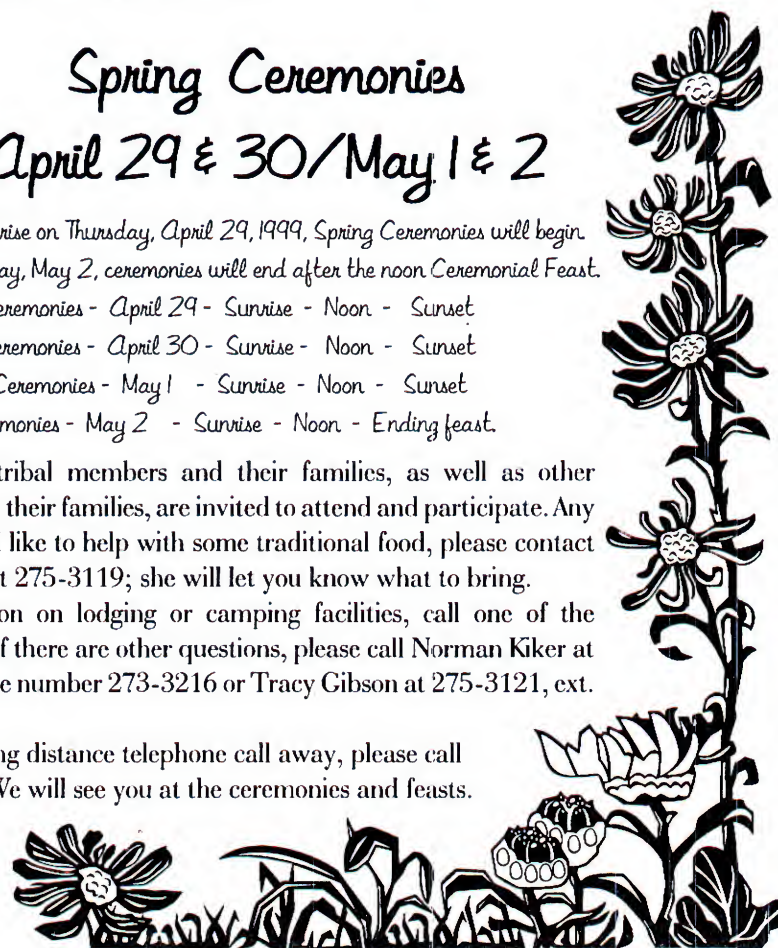
Ceremonies - May 1 - Sunrise - Noon - Sunset

Ceremonies - May 2 - Sunrise - Noon - Ending feast.

Bode'wadmi tribal members and their families, as well as other nishnabe'yek and their families, are invited to attend and participate. Any ladies who would like to help with some traditional food, please contact Esther Lowden at 275-3119; she will let you know what to bring.

For information on lodging or camping facilities, call one of the numbers below. If there are other questions, please call Norman Kiker at the local telephone number 273-3216 or Tracy Gibson at 275-3121, ext. 270.

If you are a long distance telephone call away, please call 800-880-9880. We will see you at the ceremonies and feasts.



Century-old buckskin shirt loaned to tribal museum

Through the generosity of Jan Hodges Rowe, a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member, the Nation's museum is now displaying a men's buckskin shirt from the mid-to-late-1800s. Rowe loaned the shirt for an indefinite period.

The shirt's stitching was done on a sewing machine. It is decorated with glass beads and features a floral and geometric motif.

In an Object Condition Report, Lisa Kraft, Potawatomi Museum Curator, describes the garment as "possibly a trade shirt made for a frontiersman by a Potawatomi or Ojibwe, with a Siouan influence."

The shirt's floral design is characteristic of Northeastern Woodland Indians, especially with the added oak leaf on the bib. The geometric borders along the collar, shoulders, and arms, as well as on the bib, are more reflective of Plains Indians.

The single strip of beads along each outer sleeve and cuff form two rows. The outer row is in light blue seed beads while the inner row is red. Scalloped leather and a one-half inch fringe flank the floral motif on the cuff.

The pattern is of a single flower with two leaves on a single curling vine. The flower's colors are dark green at the base, pink in the middle, and sky blue on the top. It is edged in a single row of light blue

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The leaves are green in the center, bordered by two rows of dark blue seed beads and, finally, edged in light blue seed beads. The vine is in the same border; it is light blue with the curls made of red glass seed beads.

For geometric patterns that do not require the intricacy of overlaid stitching, Plains tribes primarily used this shirt's 'lazy stitch' sewing style. It consists of rows of beads stitched only at the ends, creating the ridged or scalloped effect distinctive to the central western Plains.

The floral design is, possibly, overlaid or spot stitched. This sewing technique is like that of quillwork; several beads on a thread are attached to buckskin or cloth by another thread sewn across the first. This stitch is ideal for floral and other curvilinear patterns that were favored by the Woodland peoples.

As trading into North America by the English increased, manufacturing techniques became more refined. Beginning about 1840, colorful, tiny seed beads, usually two millimeters or less in diameter,

were traded in bulk. This resulted from standardization of manufacturing techniques in Venice, Italy and the region of Bohemia.

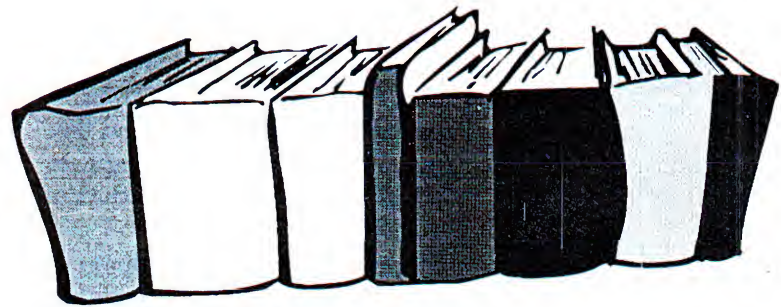
This standardization made it possible to produce beads of uniform size, shape, and color. These glass cut seed beads were mass-produced in Europe for trading with Indian peoples. They were primarily exchanged for furs that were highly sought after in Europe.

Jan Rowe bought the buckskin shirt for her son, paying \$700 for it. Rowe obtained the shirt from a Marie Priddy, who is from Texas and Missouri. Priddy had inherited it from a sister, who passed away in the 1980s.

The garment is in very good condition. Its construction is solid. The beadwork is in excellent condition.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Library & Archives



We encourage you to visit and view all of the wonderful information we have about Potawatomi history and culture. These collections include:

- The *How-Ni-Kan* (1972-1998)
- Business Committee Proceedings and Legal Documents
- CPN Historical Information (census rolls, allotments, etc.)
- Maps, Audio, Video, Photographs
- Smithsonian Ethnology Reports from the 1890's and Other Rare Books & Manuscripts
- Books by R. David Edmunds, Father Joe Murphy, and Bernard Heer
- Ethnographic items (family heirlooms)

Office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Library and Archives are located at 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK. We are a non-lending library; any type of research will have to be done in our office. Reasonable research inquiries will be accepted by mail. If you have questions, please call Tracey Gibson, Tribal Archivist, at 405-275-3121, ext. 270 or e-mail tgibson@Potawatomi.org

CPN Museum Donations

On January 7, 1999, Ruth Youngblood Wakeman donated the following items to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation museum/archives in the name of her sister, Priscilla L. Sherard.

Description of property:

Declared value:

U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service Eagle Permit No. 2-973-AQ Issued 8/25/76	historical document
One Bald Eagle set of feathers	ceremonial value
"Potawatomi Neme'winin ipi Nemenigamowinin" Potawatomi Prayers and Hymns by Rev. Maurice Gaillard, S.J., 1866	rare book
"Indian Talk: Hand Signals of the American Indian" by Iron Eyes Cody, 1970	book

Seminars designed to bring 'brightest minds' to students

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Gregory's High School in Shawnee and Notre Dame University, for which the Potawatomi donated the land.

Kelley said that St. Gregory's students who are preparing to find their place in a huge world, and want to be leaders, need to be aware of how to handle problems.

"They will run into problems (with people being antagonistic)," Kelley said. "If I'm leading a big meeting and there are two groups that don't get along, I have to know how to handle them. You must learn, early, not just to recognize the problem but also how a true leader will handle that problem."

Dr. Frank Pfaff, St. Gregory's University President, is team-teaching the Self-Leadership Seminar with Keith Hackett, a St. Gregory's vice president.

Dr. Pfaff said that the course's goal is to put St. Gregory's students into contact with "some of the best and brightest minds in Oklahoma — people who have been successful in developing their careers."

Has the course achieved that aim? Pfaff believes so. "That really has happened. They have learned, I think, that the whole



Tom Kelly, Dr. Frank Pfaff

concept of self-leadership is different from a course in management or supervision. It's a course that's designed to give them insight into 'the tricks of the trade,' personal management, how to get a career started by developing yourself."



First Lady Cathy Keating

According to Dr. Pfaff, "These students are hearing what they must learn to be successful — the kinds of personal qualities, such as motivation, innovation, imagination, and being a self-starter that suc-



Wayne Von Feldt

cess requires." Pfaff said that development of these skills is not normally part of a traditional business course in management or supervision.



Right Baby

The HowNiKan apologizes for publishing the incorrect photo of Amber Elizabeth Simes, the youngest Potawatomi attending the Southern California Regional Council. This *is* young Amber, with her mother Connie.

Conference set on alternatives in agriculture

Citizen Potawatomi tribal members who want to know more about alternative agriculture enterprises are invited to attend a conference on Saturday, March 20, 1999.

The Alternative Enterprises Conference will be held inside Lincoln County's Agri-Civic Center in Chandler, Oklahoma. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and is to conclude at about 3:30 p.m.

The topics that will be discussed include: Alternative Enterprises, What You Need to Know Before You Start; Producing and Marketing Vegetables; Risk Management and Crop Insurance; Fish Production Opportunities in Oklahoma; Goat Production and Marketing; Producing and Marketing Peppers; The WIC Program and the Farmers Market; Oklahoma Farmers Markets; and, Mushroom Production and Marketing.

To pre-register or obtain more information, call Andy Kincaid at 405-

372-7071 in Stillwater, Mick Jones at 405-258-0560 in Chandler, or Chongo Mundende at 405-466-6024 at Langston University.

The conference is sponsored by the Langston University Center for Outreach Programs. There is no cost for attending.

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Tribes struggle to preserve vanishing languages

By Renee Ruble
Associated Press Writer

Soon, the Lenape might be silenced. The last fluent speaker of the language of the Western Delaware Tribe (headquartered in Anadarko, Oklahoma) died a month ago. Bessie Snake was 104 years old.

The Delawares' language survives through the tongues of two members of the Eastern Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma (headquartered in Bartlesville) and the young who are trying to learn from them.

The tribe is recording the voices of Lucy Parks Blalock, 91, and Edward Leonard Thompson, 94. These recordings are the tribe's hope of preserving the sounds of their history.

The Lenape language helped open communication with Europeans as they landed in what is now New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, said Jim Rementer, project director for the Lenape language preservation. "There are a few young people who are really learning the language. Lucy and Edward are the only ones left where Lenape was their primary language," he said.

Of the tribes based in Oklahoma, about 25 languages, including the Lenape, are endangered. Only a handful of Indians in those tribes are fluent in their ancestors' dialects.

About one-third of tribal languages that were once spoken in what is now Oklahoma already are extinct, said Alice Anderton, executive director of the Intertribal Wordpath Society.

About 30 people can still speak Ponca or Caddo. Even fewer know the Wichita language, Anderton said.

The Intertribal Wordpath Society, a not-for-profit organization, wants to change that. The society promotes the teaching, awareness, and use of Oklahoma Indian languages.

"A hundred percent of these languages are endangered," Anderton said. "Most of the people who are speakers are in the upper 60's or older. They are the grandmas and great-grandmas of the tribe."

Even the voice of the country's second-largest tribe, the Cherokee Tribe, is endangered. About 10,000 Cherokees are fluent, but they are mostly elders, Anderton said.

The society hopes to attract students to learn tribal languages through public television, storytelling, exhibits, and community classes.

Unless young people are willing to learn and teach the pivotal sounds of culture, Indian languages have no future.

The significant pitch of the Kiowa would never be heard. The nasal sounds of Cherokee would be unexplainable.

INDIAN LANGUAGES

According to the Intertribal Wordpath Society, these Native American languages are extinct or endangered in Oklahoma...

Extinct: Alabama, Cayuga, Hitchiti, Kitsai, Koasati, Miami, Peoria, Quapaw, Seneca, Tonkawa, and Wyandotte.

Endangered: Apache, Arapaho, Caddo, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Comanche, Delaware (Lenape), Euchee, Iowa, Kaw (Kansa), Kickapoo, Kiowa, Modoc, Muscogee (Creek), Osage, Otoe, Ottawa, Pawnee, Ponca, **Potawatomi**, Sac & Fox, Shawnee, and Wichita.

The extended vowel length of the Comanche would go unspoken.

Some Oklahoma colleges offer courses in Indian languages. The University of Oklahoma teaches Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Kiowa.

Northeastern State University offers Cherokee, and Oklahoma State University holds Muscogee (Creek) classes.

"It's part of Indian affairs to teach from generation to generation. This needs to happen today," Anderton said.

"Without young people, languages will become extinct – all tribes are heading down that road."

(Editor's note: The HowNiKan expresses its sincere thanks to the Associated Press and reporter Renee Ruble for permission to reprint this story. It appeared on the front page of the Daily Oklahoman of Thursday, February 17, 1999 – a somewhat remarkable occurrence in that conditions of importance to Native Americans do not often receive balanced treatment in Oklahoma's newspaper of record.)

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